

## **Encampment: Helping Cadets Reach Their Full Potential.**

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Kansas Wing Training Group, Civil Air Patrol is hosting their annual Winter Encampment 26 December 2011 through 2 January 2012 at the Great Plains Joint Training Center. Although supervised by senior members, the encampment is largely cadet planned, coordinated and run as an exercise in leadership.

Basic cadets will participate in team building activities, learn drill and ceremonies, shoot on a small bore rifle range, and experience military aviation. Classroom training includes Air Force Core Values, aviation history, and the development of air power. The goal of all training is to show cadets that the future is wide open and all they have to do make a plan and work for it. Senior cadets, many who have attended several encampments, work their way up the leadership chain and gain responsibilities as their experience grows. Each position provides a new leadership lesson for the cadets.

Cadets can expect to learn important life skills such as how to work in a group, how to make their bed, how to keep organized and even how to manage their time. On top of learning about emergency services and aerospace education, cadets will be exposed to numerous hands on activities to stimulate their minds to aid in the learning process. Cadets will walk into encampment as cadets and emerge a week later as leaders. This is a great opportunity to grow.

Some of the planned events include qualifying for an NRA marksmanship badge, a visit to the obstacle course at Saint John's Military Academy in Salina, Kansas, and a trip to Topeka to ride on a KC-135 refueling flight.

There will also be three advanced training flights to include Honor Guard, Emergency Services, and Leadership. Cadets must have completed a basic encampment in order to attend an advanced training flight but offers a great alternative to someone who does not wish to serve on staff or simply desires to further their training.

Then encampment is now accepting applications. Come and experience the event of a lifetime!

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For information on how to apply visit [kswg.cap.gov](http://kswg.cap.gov).

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